(c) Most of the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) coming from Mauritius is by way of investment routed by overseas companies to their Wholly Owned Subsidiaries/Joint Ventures/Special Investment Vehicles set up in Mauritius. The main reason behind routing investment through Mauritius is due to the tax advantages available under the India–Mauritius Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement as also the low tax rate and no long-term or short-term capital gains tax in Mauritius.

(d) All Foreign Direct Investments are governed by the provisions of FEMA, which has adequate safeguards. Government of India have signed both the Bilateral Investment Protection Agreement (BIPA) and Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement with Mauritius. The huge inflow of FDI from Mauritius is primarily because of the tax advantage.

Performance of Export Processing Zones

3843. SHRI KHAGEN DAS : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the names of Export Processing Zones in the country, State-wise;

(b) the items and the total value of export made through each of these zones in the last three years, year-wise and zone-wise; and

(c) the items and value of imports made through each of these zones during the last three years, year-wise and zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) There are seven Export Processing Zones (EPZs)/Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country set up by the Government. These are located at Kandla (Gujarat), Santa Cruz, Mumbai (Maharashtra), Noida (Uttar Pradesh), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Cochin (Kerala), Falta (West Bengal) and Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh). A Private Sector SEZ has also been set up at Surat (Gujarat).

(b) A statement (Statement–I) is given (*See* below).

(c) A statement (Statement–II) is given. (*See* below).

Statement–I

ITEM-WISE EXPORTS FROM EPZS/SEZs DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS

(Rs. in Crores)

Zone	Year	Electronics hard ware	Electronics Soft-ware	Engineering Goods	Gem & Jewellery	Leather	Textiles & garments	Pharmaceuticals & Chemicals	Plastic & Rubber goods	Food & Agro. Products	Others	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
Kandla	1998-99	—	—	30.19	—	—	84.88	219.72	34.33	—	22.69	391.81
SEZ*	1999-2000	—	—	35.77	—	—	81.85	339.06	66.33	—	20.65	543.66
	2000-2001	—	—	54.34	—	—	83.18	311.49	48.10	—	30.78	527.89
SEEPZ	1998-99	324.59	876.48	—	2080.77	—	—	—	—	—	—	—3281.84
SEZ*	1999-2000	678.39	1041.71	—	2426.47	—	—	—	—	—	—	—4146.57
	2000-2001	1209.51	1349.94	—	2634.29	—	—	—	—	—	—	—5193.74
Noida	1998-99	108.76	150.35	118.48	120.67	16.95	111.74	40.78	23.81	—	60.53	752.87
EPZ	1999-2000	165.98	139.31	120.12	129.45	12.70	134.13	46.22	29.50	—	68.22	845.63
	2000-2001	269.66	178.60	101.42	192.79	8.79	138.74	32.94	26.92	—	84.34	1034.20
Chennai	1998-99	34.74	109.79	72.77	7.79	41.23	180.45	45.33	20.48	1.54	21.82	535.94
EPZ	1999-2000	21.97	118.00	92.34	14.63	47.45	160.70	58.61	18.95	1.50	11.27	545.42
	2000-2001	33.09	162.98	151.55	13.64	59.98	169.13	64.72	13.74	1.03	20.98	690.84
Cochin	1998-99	87.87	0.35	5.39	—	—	23.40	—	27.00	42.71	13.33	200.05
SEZ*	1999-2000	120.81	1.63	5.87	—	—	29.35	—	19.60	24.31	39.43	241.00
	2000-2001	157.84	5.38	8.56	—	—	26.08	—	20.08	17.71	68.65	384.30

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
Falta	1998-99	—	8.10	11.80	—	2.57	23.31	7.93	11.24	9.74	6.08	72.77
EPZ	1999-2000	2.70	—	42.70	—	10.98	165.92	4.69	25.41	11.05	3.15	266.60
	2000-2001	13.54	—	86.32	—	32.90	272.50	19.66	28.68	7.93	58.44	519.97
Visakha-	1998-99	—	—	8.71	9.11	—	—	—	—	—	6.18	18.00
Pataam	1999-2000	—	2.86	51.14	63.40	—	0.70	—	0.03	0.23	0.68	119.04
EPZ	2000-2001	—	16.15	74.61	116.07	—	09.49	—	0.42	0.14	2.20	219.08
Surat	1998-99	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
SEZ**	1999-2000	—	—	—	0.46	—	—	—	0.24	—	—	0.70
	2000-2001	—	—	—	51.35	—	—	—	0.23	10.70	—	62.28

*EPZ converted into SEZ w.e.f. 1-11-2000.

Statement-II

Items and value of imports made through each of the zones during the last three years

(Rs. Crores)

Zone	Year	Imports*
(1)	(2)	(3)
Kandla SEZ	1998-99	119.68
	1999-2000	133.45
	2000-2001	154.87
SEEPZ-SEZ	1998-99	1262.61
	1999-2000	1925.21
	2000-2001	2206.13
Noida EPZ	1998-99	323.90
	1999-2000	404.88
	2000-2001	450.73
EPZ	1998-99	305.28
	1999-2000	281.65
	2000.2001	329.16
Cochin SEZ	1998-99	117.01
	1999-2000	132.68
	2000-2001	221.07
Falta EPZ	1998-99	65.42
	1999-2000	64.07
	2000-2001	92.60
Visakhapatnam EPZ	1998-99	39.83
	1999-2000	137.78
	2000-2001	169.70
Surat SEZ**	1998-99	—
	1999-2000	0.24
	2000-2001	45.29

* Include capital goods and raw materials.

** Pvt. Sector SEZ.